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INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTOR AND CONSULTANTS, INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOREIGN INFORMATION ORGANIZATION, ON MONDAY MARCH 12, 1951, HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Department of State

Mr. Sargeant, Acting Chairman
Mr. Oechsner, Acting Executive Secretary
Mr. MacKnight
Colonel Dunlop
Mr. Harris
Mrs. Curran
General Magruder
Admiral Stevens
General McClure
Mr. Berding

OSD & DOS review(s) completed.

Department of Defense
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Department of the Army
Economic Cooperation Administration

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 26, 1951 were approved.
2. General McClure gave a report on the activities of the Department of the Army's Psychological Warfare Division.
3. Plan for Concentrated Effort in Ideological Field: Admiral Stevens reported that he had had a conversation with Bertram Wolfe and Lloyd Clucas on this subject. It was agreed that this item would again be put on the agenda for a future report on Wolfe's operation in about a month.
4. China Plan: It was agreed that this Policy Section would be sent to the field immediately; would serve as a interim plan and would be followed by an Intelligence Annex. The targets as indicated in this plan are not in rank of priority.
5. Plan for National Psychological Warfare: The Acting Chairman reported that Walter Schwinn is currently in Europe for talks with NATO and SHAPE officials. Mr. Oechsner was asked to send a cable to determine the plans of these organizations in the psychological warfare field.
- It was agreed that this Plan would be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
6. The Board asked that a check be made to determine if the State Department has accepted the responsibility for intelligence support in the psychological field.
7. Defectors: It was agreed that the Department would send to General Magruder a complete file of the telegrams sent and received by the Department of State on the proposed statement by High Commissioner McGloy on the non-return of Soviet political refugees. This file was to be accompanied by a request that the Department of Defense's informal views on the issuance of the statement.

The Department had previously cabled Frankfurt, Vienna and Trieste requesting

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consultation between the State representative and the local military commander to determine the effect of the issuance of such a statement.

The Chairman asked that a check be made on the status of a previous request that consideration be given to compilation of existing US-USSR agreements re. defectors.

8. Newsprint: The problem of shortage of newspaper was brought to the Board's attention by Mr. MacKnight; specifically the need for emergency assistance in special cases and the overall shortage problem. It was agreed that Mr. MacKnight would call a group to draw up Terms of Reference to be used by a Working Group to consider the overall problems. The Terms of Reference will make recommendations as to appropriate agencies to participate in the Working Group.

9. General McClure pointed out that Reserve Officers were being called in to service in great numbers and suggested that the Department might want to supply him with a list of Reservists in the VOA Program in order that they may, whenever possible, be permitted to remain on duty in the Department.